

**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.		011633.00078
First Inventor	Michael Alan Meek	
Title	Framing System for Buildings	
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 7]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
 - a. Formal; or
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(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (*when there is an assignee*)
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
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14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
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1001	2001	375	Utility filing fee
1002	2002	165	Design filing fee
1003	2003	260	Plant filing fee
1004	2004	375	Reissue filing fee
1005	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 750)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
7	2	0	** = 7	X _____ = 0	
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1203	2203	140	
1204	2204	42	
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1051	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	2453	650	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	235	Design issue fee
1503	2503	315	Plant issue fee
1460	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)
1806	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
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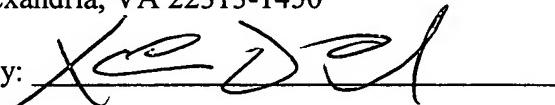
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Title: Framing System for Buildings

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- Fee Transmittal (1 page) in duplicate
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 page) in duplicate
- Application Data Sheet (4 pages)
- Non-Provisional Utility Specification (7 pages) 7 claims/2 independent
- Formal Drawings Figures 1 through 3 (2 pages)
- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages)
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet with Executed Assignment (3 pages)
- Return Receipt Postcard

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